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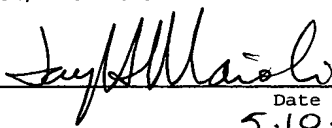
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LETTER WITH PROPOSED DRAWING CHANGES

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

Applicants hereby propose to amend the drawings in the
above-identified application as indicated in red on the copies
submitted herewith.

More specifically, Applicants propose to amend Figs.
1-4 by designating them with the label --(Prior Art)--.

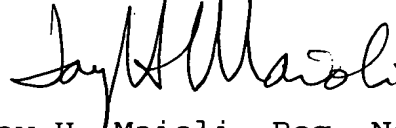
Furthermore, Applicants propose to amend Fig. 3 by

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changing the name of block 330 from "ERROE CORRECTION CODING" to
--ERROR CORRECTION CODING--.

Upon approval of the herein-proposed drawing changes
and the issuance of a Notice of Allowance, Applicants will
promptly attend to correcting the formal drawings in accordance
with present Office practices.

Respectfully submitted,
COOPER & DUNHAM LLP

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Jay H. Maioli".

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